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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6961**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1299

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 6, 2011

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Animal hunting facilities.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Wolkins

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**    **GENERAL**  
                          **X DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill prohibits game mammals, elk, and furbearing mammals held under a game breeder's license, except for animals on a game breeder's licensed hunting facility, from being hunted or harvested for sporting purposes. The bill prohibits hunting or harvesting game mammals, elk, and furbearing mammals held by a licensed hunting facility after July 1, 2018. It establishes requirements for licensed hunting facilities that allow hunting of deer or elk. Except for whitetail deer, it provides that deer and elk taken at a licensed hunting facility are not subject to bag, sex, or size limits, or hunting license requirements. It prohibits deer and elk from being released into a licensed hunting facility after July 1, 2016. The bill makes permanent a provision authorizing the issuance of lifetime hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2011.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) must provide letters certifying that persons are authorized to operate game breeder's licensed hunting facilities. The DNR should be able to provide the letters given its existing resources.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** Licensed hunting facilities must pay to the DNR \$250 per buck killed and \$50 per doe. The amount of revenue that will be generated by the proposal will depend on the number of deer or elk killed at the facilities and the amount of money that is forwarded to the DNR.

Revenue collected would be deposited in the Fish & Wildlife fund to be used to fund the DNR Divisions of Fish & Wildlife and Law Enforcement.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** DNR.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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